

9th Decr. '38

Dear Mr. Hickey.

Many thanks for your very kind invitation to Sunday's meeting, which I very much regret, I shall be unable to accept.

Unfortunately for me some weeks ago I met with an accident which resulted in an injury to my knee, and I am still confined to the house.. Much as I would like to be with you all, and to meet P. J. Little again, I must beg to be excused on this occasion for that reason. I shall be only too willing to help in any way I can be of use when I am able to get about again, and shall be pleased to hear again from you - say in the New Year -

if there is any job I can tackle, I have been so long out of harness that most of the people I knew ~~and~~ worked with years ago are scattered, but this call on behalf of the old Lond is one which no Irishman can ignore, and I hope it will rally young and old.

I also hope, and pray, that there shall be no "partitions" in your Committee, and that the infernal splits and bickerings which have damned so many Irish organizations in the past will find no place in this one.

With very best wishes for a most successful gathering, and a fruitful result

Yours sincerely,

J. Quealy
